

Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

Brain Injury Direct Services Fund

Eligibility Criteria

The primary purpose of the DARS **Brain Injury Direct Services (BIDS) Fund** is to provide short-term specialized treatment, rehabilitation, and other forms of assistance (e.g., neurobehavioral treatment, community support services such as life skills services, neuropsychological assessment/counseling, day program services, assistive technology and other specialized goods) to help people with acquired brain injury move forward in their rehabilitation and live more independently in less restrictive environments. BIDS participants typically receive services on an outpatient (day) basis.

Priority is given to persons who **(1)** *are at least one-year post injury;* **(2)** *reside in, or are at risk of placement in, an institutional setting (i.e., skilled nursing facility, assisted living facility, state mental health facility, correctional facility);* **(3)** *do not have access to any other private or public funding for the services / goods requested;* **(4)** *have not previously received the services / goods for which they are applying;* and **(5)** *are most likely to benefit from brain injury rehabilitation / treatment services / goods to achieve the Fund's goals described above.* **NOTE: BIDS does not pay for residential services.** Therefore, an individual who plans to move from one residential setting to another must provide written documentation that she/he has a place to live *before* services will be initiated.

Individuals eligible for referral to BIDS must meet these criteria:

- *Resident of Virginia*
- *Acquired brain injury, at least one year since the date of injury*
- *Medically stable [acute care (hospitalization) and post-acute (medical rehabilitation) stages of recovery completed]*
- *Residing in, or at risk of placement in, an institutional setting*
- *No other public or private source of funding is available (e.g., private insurance, Medicaid, Department for Aging & Rehabilitative Services) for specific services or goods being requested*
- *Meets DARS financial eligibility guidelines and/or willing to cost-share*
- *Family or support person willing to participate in program*

BIDS staff review application information for each candidate and make the final recommendations for approval of funding, as well as for the specific services or goods to be provided. BIDS staff consider information from the referral source, the individual who will be receiving services, and family/support person(s) when making service decisions.

Please return application to:
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